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reimagine

tech

education







# Plaksha Reflects

The idea of the University as a tree, from which a river of learning flows endlessly, nourishing everything it touches. Indian scriptures state that River Saraswati, synonymous with learning, originated from a 'world-tree' called Plaksha, which grows at the foothills of the Sivaliks.



# From the Founding Chancellor's Desk

In November 2022, I had the pleasure of assuming the reins of this extraordinary institution in the capacity of the Founding Chancellor. When accepting the honor, I came to the realization that the greatest potential of Plaksha arises from the ability to begin its programs with a clean slate. This clean slate approach gives Plaksha the brilliant opportunity to reimagine and reconceptualize higher education. Like many other societal systems, higher education is due for a disruption arising from the confluence of new technologies, new models of pedagogy and the changing desires of our students. Legacy institutions including some great institutions all over the world will find it more difficult to make sweeping changes in their educational model.

I have huge hopes and high expectations for Plaksha, and for what it can do for the future of higher education. It was indeed prescient that when we embarked upon this journey almost five years ago, pushed by the vision of a group of enthusiastic young founders who fittingly named the foundation for Plaksha “The Reimagining Higher Education Foundation”, carrying an audacity of spirit and the spirit of innovation. With the collective wisdom and philanthropy of RHEF, we decided to follow the so-called TED model of education, emphasizing the confluence of Technology, Entrepreneurship and Design Thinking.

Plaksha is on a growth trajectory to exemplify its lofty aspirations. But our true success will be in our being emulated by other universities and institutions around the world. That form of flattery would probably be the surest symbol of our success!

## **Prof. S Shankar Sastry**

Founding Chancellor, Plaksha University

*Former Dean of Engineering, University of California, Berkeley*



# From the Founding Vice Chancellor's Desk

Plaksha is not just a university. It is a statement of bold aspirations of 21st century India articulated in the vision of its founders for reimagining higher education.

In the new vision for engineering education, traditional disciplinary boundaries do not exist and teaching and learning methods continuously evolve in response to research findings on cognition and learning. In this model, students will be prepared, through experiential learning, to create solutions that address complex problems of the modern world. They will be equipped with intensive grounding in digital technologies, understanding of the physical, natural and economic world, teamwork skills and a training to acquire new knowledge at will as and when required. Further, our students will have thorough immersion in social sciences so that they develop broad social perspective & grow up as caring citizens of the world.

At Plaksha, we embrace the deep traditions of scholarship from the ancient universities, such as Takshashila and Nalanda, to the modern temples of learning from across the world. We are committed to keep all our students and faculty engaged in continuous research that not only advances the frontiers of knowledge but also empowers our society with innovations and technologies that firmly target a sustainable living. Research at Plaksha will form the basic DNA of the university; it will pervade everything we do. Our research will target the grand challenges of our world and influence all learning and teaching on the campus. It is apt that Plaksha's name is inspired by the tree from which a metaphorical river of learning flows endlessly, nurturing everything it touches.

## **Prof. Rudra Pratap**

Founding Vice Chancellor, Plaksha University

*Former Deputy Director, IISc Bengaluru*





# Three Pillars of Plaksha

1

## Reimagining Technology Education

**Interdisciplinary curriculum** integrating technology, liberal arts and design. Hands-on pedagogy and focus on self-development

2

## Fostering Tech Innovation and Entrepreneurship

**Entrepreneurial mindset** in faculty and students, innovation culture and enabling ecosystem, mentorship and networks

3

## Addressing Grand Challenges

Research centers focused on solving grand challenges through **impact-focused research** and tomorrow's technologies





# Partnering with Top Institutions



Global partnerships enable Plaksha's vision to reimagine engineering education and bring about transformative advancements



Curriculum design



Faculty exchange



Student exchange



Joint research





# Timeline of Academic Programs

2018

Young Technology Scholars Program



Summer program for students of classes 9-12 to introduce them to critical thinking, innovation and a maker-builder mindset. Taught by globally eminent faculty.

2019

Tech Leaders Fellowship



1-year masters level program, co-designed & co-delivered by UC Berkeley to nurture tech leaders. Coursework includes AI-ML, entrepreneurship and leadership.

2021

BTech Program



Four interdisciplinary degrees that are unique, cutting-edge, forward-looking & aligned with the needs of the future. Taught by top-notch faculty.

2022

PhD Program



Doctoral program that prepares the next generation of researchers to address grand challenges in agriculture, health, water and clean energy.



# Young Technology Scholars Program

*Nurturing tinkerers,  
makers, problem-solvers*



## 2 week Summer Program

Students from Class 9 to 12 are exposed to real-world engineering and problem-solving. The aim is to turn the next generation of students into tinkerers, idea generators and fearless pattern sniffers with a strong motivation to identify and work on the most challenging problems of the world.



**Ravi Jasuja**  
Director, Translational Research  
and Discovery Aging and Metabolism;  
**BWH, Harvard Medical School**



**Hanumant Singh**  
Director, Multidisciplinary Center  
for Robotics, **Northeastern University**  
Ex-scientist, **MIT-WHOI**

## Immersive Activities



**Genius Series**  
famous scientists,  
engineers and  
innovators



**Collab Crew**  
hands-on,  
team based  
activities



**Mentorship**  
by a CEO,  
founder or  
top exec



**Talent Showcase**  
a platform to  
celebrate  
talent



**The X Series**  
top-secret  
experiential  
activities



# BTech Program

## PLAKSHA AT A GLANCE\*

320	50	35+	8	4
Students from across the globe	Acres of campus	Globally eminent faculty	World renowned academic partners	Unique, interdisciplinary majors

## Interdisciplinary BTech majors

### Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence

Introduces design of new algorithms, systems and machines with powerful computational, sensory, cognitive and inferential abilities to address challenges at the interface of human and artificial intelligence.



### Robotics & Cyber-Physical Systems

Integrates AI and computer science with electronics and mechanical engineering to train students to design next-gen robotics and cyber-physical systems

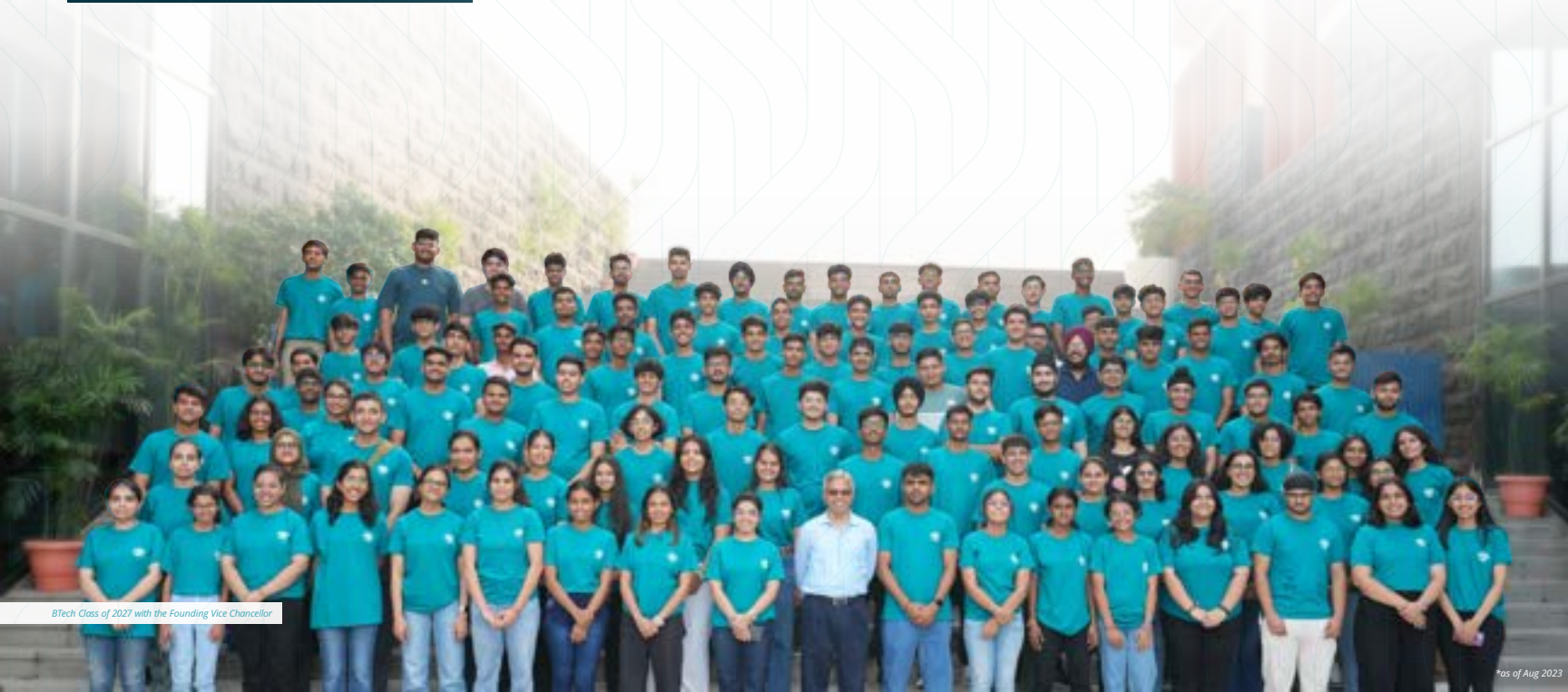
### Biological Systems Engineering

Integrates life sciences, computing and engineering to drive solutions in healthcare, biomaterials and environmental sustainability



### Data Science, Economics & Business

Combines theoretical foundations of data science with tools from economics and finance to create data-driven tech solutions for business, policy and society





# Tech Leaders Fellowship

Creating tech leaders from India, for the world

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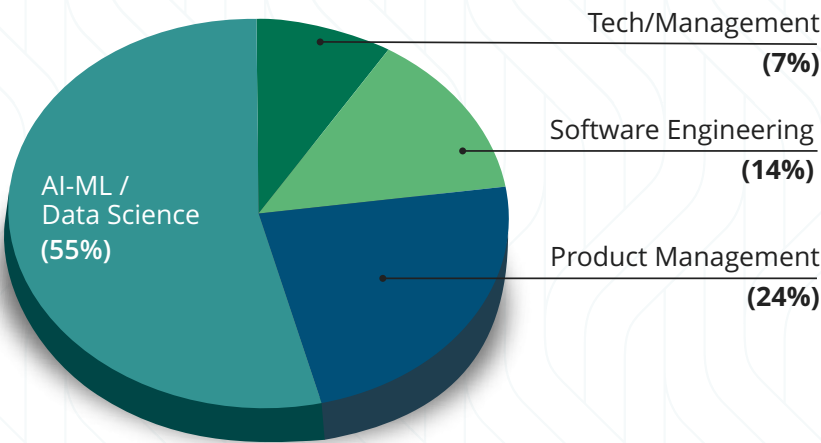
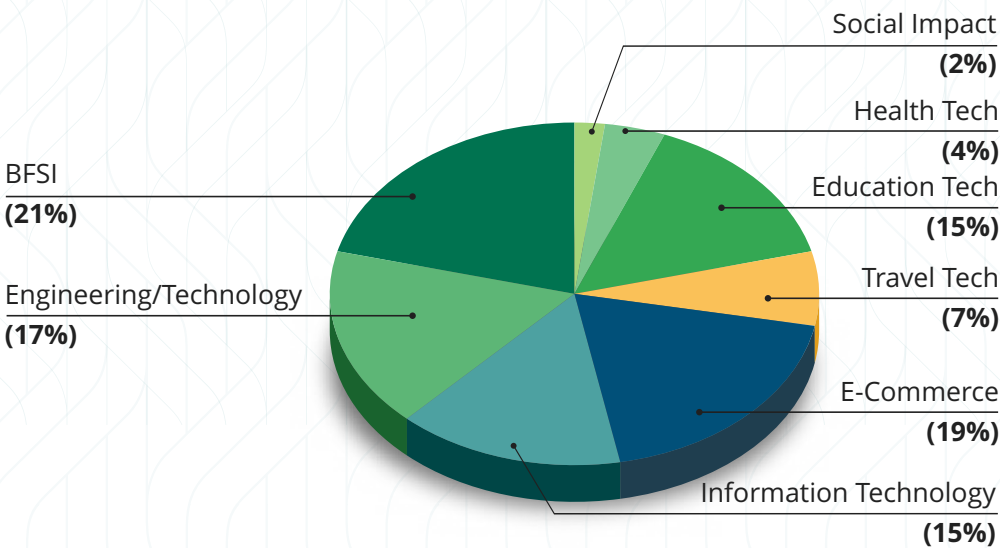


Tech Leaders Fellowship (TLF) is a one-year, fully residential, postgraduate program that nurtures future leaders in technology.

The unique curriculum interweaves AI-ML focused technology core, with real-world experiences and an understanding of self and leadership.

## TLF Placements

Industry-wise\* offers



Role-wise\* offers

## TLF students working at\*\*

Arcesium	Policy Bazaar	Paytm	Amazon
Info Edge	Cactus	Swiggy	BCG
Tech Mahindra	Walmart Labs	Cisco	HRS Group
Fractal	Apptio	Nagarro	Jefferies

\*Not exhaustive

\*\*Across all cohorts



TLF Class of 2022



# Vibrant Student Life

Community initiatives, student clubs and societies, sports, recreation and wellness



Classrooms and collaborative spaces 60-seaters for general classes, 30 & 48 seaters for project work, 250-seater multi-purpose hall for guest lectures and seminars.



MCKS Thrive Room Prioritizes mental health through therapy and platforms for practicing mindfulness. It has multiple wellness plans to improve students' physical well-being and discover positive ways of life including Yoga that forms an integral part of mental and emotional wellness at Plaksha.



Sports and Recreation Facilities Playgrounds and facilities for both outdoor and indoor games like football, volleyball, tennis, badminton, basketball, table tennis, pool/snooker and gymnasium.



Plaksha Campus 50-acre tech-enabled campus, energy efficient and sustainable. Comfortable air-conditioned hostel accommodation. Coding Café and maker spaces.

## CLUBS - Student led Initiative

- Adventure Club - trips and treks for a change of scenery
- Baking Club
- Coup de Foudre - French society
- Debate & Public Speaking Club
- Gardening Club - growing organic vegetables
- Gwist- women in tech
- Kartavya - social service club gives back to the community

- Phoenix - awareness about mental health
- Product Club - building products
- Quiz Club – trivia, GK, general awareness buffs
- Rangrez - art club
- RASA society - creative expression
- Robotics Club
- The Music Club



# Summer Internships at Plaksha

Summer internships are a vital part of the learning curriculum at Plaksha. Internships enable students to understand their BTech majors in real life. First and second year BTech students get to work on research projects with faculty members or on industry projects with eminent CXOs.

## Internships and research projects during Summer 2023

Airtel	IIT Bombay	Ratna Traya
BCG	Indegene	Straive
Benori Knowledge	Indifi	SUTD, Singapore
Brown University	MathLogic	University of California, San Diego
Ernst and Young	Money View	University of Warwick, London
HCL Technologies	Orangewood Labs	Metaverse and Gaming with Dave.AI
IIIT Delhi	Perfios	

## Students Speak

During my internship with Dr. Amrik Sen at Plaksha University, I was a part of a real-life application research project, in my 1st year of undergraduation. The project aimed at giving a scientific tool to the government for making critical decisions with limited resources.

Amol Harsh  
BTech Class of 2025



I was looking for a college that taught Economics integrated with Data Science. I did not find it anywhere else in India. When I learnt about Plaksha's curriculum and interdisciplinary approach, I found that there is a lot of scope when Economics and Computer Science merge.

Hibah Muhammad  
BTech Class of 2026





# Experiential Learning

Learning by doing is the cornerstone of Plaksha's pedagogy. Students are mentored by leading industry professionals and academicians while working on real-world projects under Innovation Lab and Grand Challenges Studio and Plaksha Summer Innovation Program.

## Innovation Lab and Grand Challenges Studio (ILGC)

ILGC is an integrated, project-based course, that runs through the four-year BTech program. It introduces students to grand challenges solvable by technology. During the course, students learn to appreciate engineering from a technical, global and historical perspective.

## Plaksha Summer Innovation Program (PSIP)

PSIP enables students to solve problems through hands-on exposure in building functional prototypes and products. It fosters a culture of entrepreneurship. As a part of the program, participants visit leading companies like BCG, Nestle and Share India.

# Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

### Inclusive admissions policy

Focusing on comprehensive academic and extra-curricular performance, following a need-blind approach

### Scholarships and financial aid

Removing socio-economic barriers and meeting the demonstrated financial need to pursue higher education

### Mentorship support

Guidance by academic and industry leaders to bridge societal divide and unleash potential



PSIP students at BCG headquarters in Gurugram



# Admissions



Visit website



Fill application form



Interact virtually

# Eligibility

Students from all recognized national and international boards are eligible

Prerequisites

- Mathematics in Class XII for all majors\*
- Physics in Class XII for all majors except Data Science, Economics and Business

Students of IB Diploma Programme and IB Certificate Course are eligible. They should have taken a minimum of 6 subjects (3 Standard Level and 3 Higher Level) with the prerequisite subjects mentioned above. In addition, following variants of Maths are accepted

- Analysis and Approaches: Higher level and standard level
- Applications and Interpretations: Higher level

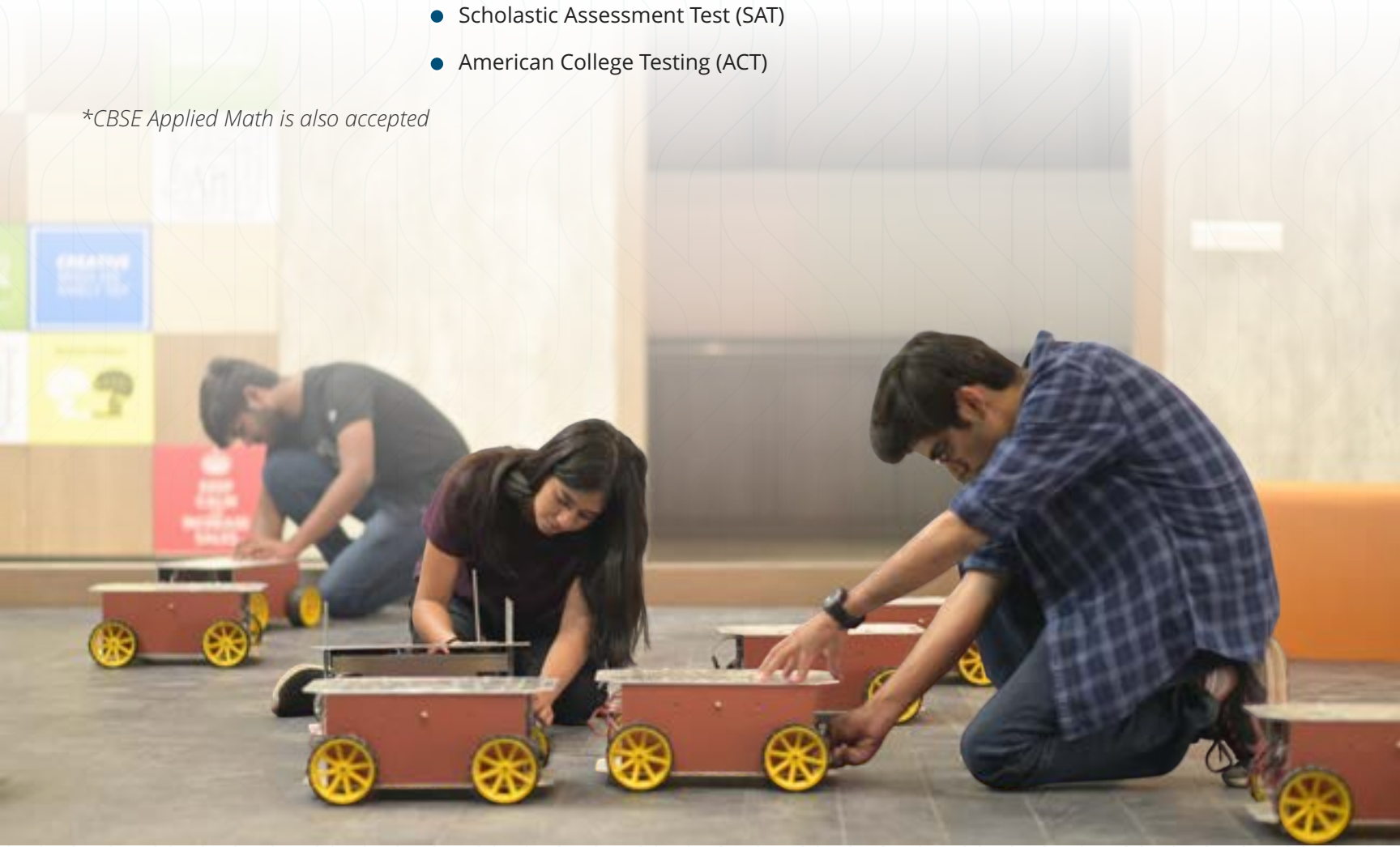
Students with Cambridge International A levels should apply with a minimum of three subjects

To receive a confirmed offer of admission, applicants are required to submit Class 12 (or equivalent) Board Results or predicted scores (where final scores are not yet available)

Optional - submit one of the following scores

- Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main
- Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)
- American College Testing (ACT)

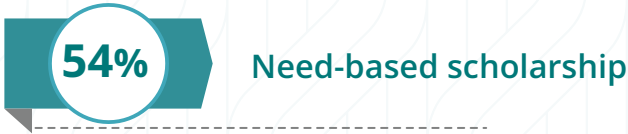
*\*CBSE Applied Math is also accepted*





# Scholarships and Financial Assistance

## 70% Students on Scholarships



Over ₹12 crore disbursed in scholarships and aid.\*  
We are committed to making this world class education accessible and affordable to all students.

### Grace Hopper Scholarship

**Noyonica Chatterjee**, BTech Class of 2025  
won the Grace Hopper Celebration  
Scholarship by AnitaB.org.



\*March 31, 2023





# Attracting the Best and Brightest

Plakshans are passionate about technology, have a creator-builder mindset, aspire to be tech leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers & problem solvers.

Plaksha is home to a diverse set of students who are head boys and head girls of their respective schools, app developers, national and state level sportspeople, NTSE scholars, Trinity level musicians and record holders featured in the Guinness Book of World Records.



**Dhirain Vij**  
Class of 2026  
Jalandhar, Punjab  
CBSE Score: 99%

Represented India in Commonwealth Chess Championship  
Started an online e-commerce venture  
Wants to educate underprivileged children



**Liza Wahi**  
Class of 2026  
Gurugram, Haryana  
ISC Score: 96.6%

Head Girl, The Sri Ram School  
Among the 50-member YuWaah (a UNICEF initiative)  
Young People's Action Team  
Created an app that calculates carbon footprint of a person



**Nikhil Henry**  
Class of 2026  
Bengaluru, Karnataka  
IB Board: 42/42

Student Council President, Legacy School  
100% scholarship at NTU  
Web developer and technology lead  
Wants to work in data privacy and cyber security



**Nimrat Kaur**  
Class of 2026  
Mohali, Punjab  
CBSE Score: 99%

National level basketball player  
Wants to transform policy through data and is curious about digital marketing and economics



**Tanushi Khandelwal**  
Class of 2026  
Akola, Maharashtra  
CBSE Score: 99%

Author of the book, *'The Economics ABC'*  
Started her own baking venture  
Passionate about raising awareness towards improving gender equality





# Student Achievements

## Innovation Mission Punjab

Two teams from the UG Class of 2025 won the Innovation Challenge held by Innovation Mission Punjab.

Suhani Jain, Tanisha Saraf and Anushka Desai, UG Class of 2025, won the 'Most Innovative Women-led Idea of the Month' award at the competition for their startup idea on fitness.

## The Diana Award 2022

YTS scholar Vaishnavi Jaiswal and UG student Alli Ajagbe from the Class of 2025, won 'The Diana Award 2022'.

Vaishnavi launched workshops on introductory CS and entrepreneurial skills to enable girls and women to pursue education and careers in predominantly male fields. Alli won the award for his work at DesignIT Africa.

## UN Millennium Fellowship

This year, 21 BTech students from Plaksha have been selected for this Fellowship and last year, 8 BTech students were selected.

## Yale Hack 2022 and Hack NYU

Shreevardhan Shah and Saumya Choudhary, UG Class of 2025, won 2 global-level hackathons - HackNYU, in the Financial Empowerment track and Yale Hack 2022 (second position).



Saumya Choudhary and Shreevardhan Shah, BTech Class of 2025



# Addressing grand challenges through Interdisciplinary Research Centers

## Data Science Institute

*Collecting and curating massive fine-grained datasets to develop solutions for environment and sustainability*

## Indorama Ventures Center for **Clean Energy**

*Making India self-reliant in terms of energy, while ensuring utmost security, quality, and reliability*

## Center for **Equitable & Personalized Healthcare**

*Engineering innovation and translational research in healthcare contextualized for Asia*

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*Transforming Indian agriculture to double the yield of the Indian farms in a sustainable manner*

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*Ensuring sustainable access to clean water for all social, economic and environmental activities in India*



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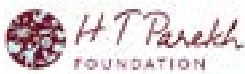
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*Plaksha's faculty on campus*



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*\*Non-exhaustive*

Plaksha is a collective philanthropic initiative founded by a global community of tech entrepreneurs, business leaders and academicians, spanning from the Bay Area to Tokyo.

They pave the way for deep industry-academia partnerships, entrepreneurial opportunities and a wide-spanning global network in the years to come.





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# Colour Code

CMYK90.30.50.10

PANTONE3557 C

RGB0.120.120

WEB7878

90% Teal

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70% Teal

60% Teal

50% Teal

40% Teal

30% Teal

20% Teal

10% Teal

CMYK75.15.25.00

PANTONE2200 C

RGB0.160.180

WEB00A0B4

90% Aqua

80% Aqua

70% Aqua

60% Aqua

50% Aqua

40% Aqua

30% Aqua

20% Aqua

10% Aqua

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PRIMARY COLOURS

## EXTENDED COLOURS

CMYK90.50.60.45

PANTONE7476 C

RGB0.70.70

WEB004646

CMYK90.50.55.30

PANTONE7721 C

RGB0.85.90

WEB00555A

CMYK88.30.80.20

PANTONE341 C

RGB0.115.80

WEB007350

CMYK50% BLACK

PANTONE50% 5315 C

RGB242.242.242

WEBF2F2F2

CMYK30% BLACK

PANTONE5315 C

RGB229.229.229

WEBE5E5E5

CMYK30% BLACK

PANTONE435 C

RGB178.178.178

WEBB2B2B2

CMYK100% BLACK

PANTONEBLACK 3 C

RGB0.0.0

WEB000000

CMYK80% BLACK

PANTONE432 C

RGB51.51.51

WEB333333

CMYK35.00.62.00

PANTONE366 C

RGB173.212.133

WEBADD485

CMYK55.00.60.00

PANTONE346 C

RGB120.197.140

WEB78C58C

CMYK100.70.30.15

PANTONE7693 C

RGB0.80.120

WEB005078

CMYK03.03.05.00

PANTONE50% COOL GRAY 1 C

RGB242.240.236

WEBF2F0EC

CMYK13.10.13.00

PANTONECOOL GRAY 1 C

RGB219.217.213

WEBDBD9D5

CMYK19.15.19.00

PANTONECOOL GRAY 3 C

RGB205.203.196

WEBCDCBC5

CMYK70% BLACK

PANTONECOOL GRAY 11 C

RGB77.77.77

WEB4D4D4D

CMYK60% BLACK

PANTONECOOL GRAY 9 C

RGB102.102.102

WEB666666

NATURE

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CHALK

GRAPHITE

## COMPLEMENTARY COLOURS

CMYK15.95.85.00

PANTONE1795 C

RGB210.50.60

WEBD2323C

CMYK00.25.75.00

PANTONE1355 C

RGB255.195.90

WEBFFC35A